GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Modernisation of IITs
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to modernise five laboratories each in seven Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to make them at par with the best in the world;
(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken by the Government;
(c) the funds required for the said modernisation and the agency through which the required fund would be met and the time by which these IITs would be modernised; and
(d) whether the Government is also planning to bring the teacher student ratio in the IITs to 1:10 from current 1:15 and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) to (d): The IIT-Council in its 50th Meeting held on 23.08.2016 approved in principle the project Vishwajeet which seeks specific interventions for overall strengthening of the 7 IITs namely IIT-Delhi, IIT-Bombay, IIT-Madras, IIT-Kanpur, IIT-Kharagpur, IIT-Roorkee and IIT-Guwahati to help them come up into the Top 100 World University Rankings. Government of India will provide necessary budgetary support to these IITs for the purpose. As regards student-teacher ratio, a number of initiatives have been taken, such as, appointment of contract, adjunct and visiting faculties in IITs, year round advertisement in international journals, pay parity, mobility of faculty from one Central Educational Institution to other without affecting their pensionary benefits. In addition, a scheme called Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN) has been launched which allows foreign faculty to teach in Indian Institutions during Summer/ Winter breaks.
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